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TAGS: PORG, PBOR, MILI, UNSC, IS, LE, XF SUBJECT: UNIFIL - HADDAD MEETING MAY 18

- 1. UN SOURCE HAS PROVIDED REPORT OF MAY 18 MEETING AT MARJAYOUN BETWEEN UNIFIL (LT COL LEVERETTE, US) AND MAJOR HADDAD. AGENDA CONSISTED OF (A) ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING BETWEEN HADDAD AND REP OF GEN KHOURY; AND (B) HADDAD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ADDITIONAL UN PRESENCE IN CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE AFTER IDF WITHDRAWS.
- 2. HADDAD AGREED TO MEET WITH GENERAL KHOURY'S REP AT TAIBE IN NEAR FUTURE. (UN UNDERSTANDS GOL IS AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO SUCH A MEETING. UN WILL INFORM HADDAD OF DATE AND IDENTITY OF LAF OFFICER.)
- 3. UN REP REPORTED HADDAD RECEIVED SUGGESTION FOR ADDI-CONFIDENTIAL

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TIONAL UN PRESENCE IN CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE AFTER WITHDRAWAL WITH CONSIDERAHLY LESS ANIMOSITY THAN PREVIOUSLY. WHEN SUGGESTION WAS MADE FOR UN UNITS TO BE PLACED IN BLATE, MARJAYOUN AND OTHER CHRISTIAN TOWNS, HADDAD DID NOT RESPOND WITH THE USUAL DEFINITE NEGATIVE. HADDAD ASKED WHY UNIFIL DID NOT PLACE OBSERVERS IN BEAUFORT CASTLE.

- 4. HADDAD THEN SAID HE WOULD COOPERATE WITH UNIFIL WITH COMBINED PATROLS AND OFFERED SOME 40 GENDARMES TO ASSIST UNIFIL IN ROAD BLOCKS AND PLO INDENTIFICATION (UN REP COMMENTED THAT SUCH JOINT ACTIVITIES WOULD BE AVOIDED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS HADDAD'S FORCES ARE ACCEPTED AS PART OF THE LEBANESE ARMY.)
- 5. IN GENERAL, UN REP HAD IMPRESSION HADDAD WAS MORE COOPERATIVE THAN IN PAST MEETINGS AND THAT HE WAS UNDER SOME PRESSURE FROM IDF IN THIS REGARD.
- 6. NEVERTHELESS, UNIFIL REP BELIEVES RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEPLOYMENT OF UN FORCES IN SO-CALLED CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES SHOULD REMAIN WITH IDF AND NOT HADDAD.

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